

It doesn't include people who choose to exercise their constitutional right to assemble, right to free speech, right to keep and bear arms, to practice responsible civil disobedience, or to disagree with the Federal Government.

Neither the ultra right nor the ultra left, neither conservative radio programs nor the liberal media are guilty of this crime. The criminals who did it are responsible.

Those who would use this act of barbarism to lay blame on their political or ideological enemies, do every citizen of this Nation a great disservice. They are attempting to place the blame somewhere other than on the shoulders of the criminals themselves, not because of their grief, but the callous political self interest.

It also shows they have a shallow understanding of what makes our country great.

In this Nation, the rights of the individual come first. The guilty must be found, tried and punished.

The rights of the innocent must be preserved.

In this Nation, ideas and beliefs are not crimes. God forbid that they ever will be.

That is the constitutional prescription for our freedom. It should not be sacrificed for the short term political gain or national comfort.

(At the request of Mr. DOLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

• Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, the sense of the Senate resolution offered by the Senators from Oklahoma and the majority leader and minority leader reflects the desire of the U.S. Senate to voice its outrage at the horrible bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City as well as our desire to see swift punishment for those responsible. The resolution also offers the Senate an opportunity to express concern and sympathy for the lives tragically affected by this crime.

To the families of those injured or lost in the bombing, I offer my deepest sympathies. We all offer our thanks to the rescue workers, volunteers and law enforcement officials who have responded to the crisis with bravery, compassion, and extraordinary professionalism. Out of the depths of the despair caused by this criminal act, Americans are finding renewed unity and strength as we face together this adversity.

Right after the blast I was asked if this type of attack is the price our Nation must pay for a free and open society. I do not accept the thesis that we must live in fear—for our lives, for the safety of our children, or for our own ability to express ourselves. After all, our Nation is founded on the principles of protecting life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. None of these precepts was honored by the terrorists who ended or forever altered the lives of the victims of the Oklahoma City blast.

I personally rely upon my faith to help understand this tragedy and gain

a sense that justice will be served. As a Senator, I will join every other government official in the effort to ensure that the hunt for the perpetrators of this crime is successful and swift. And although I cannot support the imposition of the death penalty because of my longtime conscientious objection to it, I nonetheless condemn the crime in the harshest terms and am eager to know that the criminals are behind bars.●

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMBINED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege to join today in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

The Combined Jewish Philanthropies has always been at the forefront of issues vital to the Jewish community, and I have been proud to work with members of this organization. As an organization that grew from 5 Jewish agencies in 1895 to more than 80 agencies in 1995, it has developed into one of the most successful charitable organizations in the world. Throughout these years, the CJP has had extraordinary success in improving the lives of countless people.

The CJP has helped to alleviate the horrors of the past by assisting in the rescue and resettlement of hundreds of thousands of survivors of the Holocaust, and it has faced the challenges of the present by assisting in the emigration and resettlement of large numbers of Soviet Jews. It has also laid a solid foundation for promoting social justice through programs that create jobs, help the needy, care for the elderly, and educate children.

During my years in the Senate, I have been proud to work with members of the CJP on many social programs in Massachusetts, including Jewish vocational services, family services, and Big Brother/Big Sister programs. We have worked together to develop counseling and job training initiatives for the Jewish community in our State, and we have helped over 5,000 Jewish immigrants during the past 6 years find jobs in Massachusetts. We have also worked together to ensure that young persons in need of role models have the opportunity to participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister programs in Massachusetts. It has also been a privilege to work with the CJP against antisemitism in the former Soviet Union and for the right of emigration.

The CJP's centennial celebration comes during a time of great challenge and great opportunity for the friends of Israel. All of us deplore the tragic violence that continues to plague the peace process in the Middle East. But I look forward to working closely with the CJP, the Clinton administration, and my colleagues in Congress, to secure a just and lasting peace and to ensure that Israel's vital security interests are protected.

I extend my respect and warmest wishes as the CJP enters its second century.

VOLUNTEERS HELP KEEP CALIFORNIA BEAUTIFUL

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today in support of thousands of California volunteers who have contributed their time and hard work this month to ensure California remains the Golden State that its people, the rest of the country, and the world have come to treasure.

April is Keep California Beautiful Month, and the nonprofit Keep California Beautiful, Inc., supported by thousands of individuals and businesses, as well as county, State and Federal agencies, have organized more than a hundred community-based projects to improve and maintain our publicly owned lands and facilities, from parks in inner cities to the wide-open spaces we all love. The specific objectives are to reduce litter, remove graffiti, expand recycling, and enhance natural resources in urban and rural areas.

This year, 1995, is the beginning of what we all hope will be an ever-increasing annual event in the years to come. As we tighten our belts and streamline government at all levels, volunteer efforts like Keep California Beautiful become even more important. In fact, the synergy created by the private-public partnership of this effort will, I believe, actually multiply our capability to do the hands-on work needed in all parts of the State.

This year's success will be the first of an ongoing annual event for years and years to come. That way, not only are we improving California for our children, but hopefully our children will improve it for their children. It is that kind of spirit that makes California special.

I commend my fellow Californians for their efforts and encourage everyone to get involved in Keep California Beautiful Month next year.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the skyrocketing Federal debt, which long ago soared into the stratosphere, is in a category like the weather—everybody talks about it but almost nobody had undertaken the responsibility of trying to do anything about it until immediately following the elections last November.

When the 104th Congress convened in January, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a balanced budget amendment. In the Senate only 1 of the Senate's 54 Republicans opposed the balanced budget amendment; only 13 Democrats supported it. Thus, the balanced budget amendment failed by just one vote. There will be another vote later this year or next year.

As of the close of business yesterday, Monday, April 24, the Federal debt stood—down to the penny—at exactly \$4,839,548,467,525.15 or \$18,371.01 for every man, woman, and child on a per capita basis.

A NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I commend Americans who are participating in the National Day of Service. Today, people all across this Nation are working together in community service. As we speak, people of all ages and backgrounds are using their hands and hearts to show their American spirit.

This day should remind us all of what it means to be an American, for today, our people are standing side by side. They are gathering, not to discuss their differences, but to pursue common goals.

Today, Americans are standing side by side immunizing infants. They are standing side by side tutoring school-age children. They are standing side by side restoring urban parks, feeding and sheltering the homeless, and rehabilitating housing and community centers. Today, we stand united as Americans.

In West Virginia, people in Braxton County will work together to create a nature trail near the Braxton County Middle School so students can learn more about their environment. In Welch, people are working to clean a vacant school so it can be converted in a facility to offer a safe shelter for victims of domestic violence by the local agency known as SAFE, Stop Abusive Family Environments. These activities for National Youth Service Day are just a few examples of important community work sponsored by the West Virginia Commission National and Community Service.

This day strikes a warm, familiar chord for me personally. From personal experience, I know the benefit of working with others to build better communities.

In 1964, the VISTA program brought me to a coal camp community in Emmons, WV. There, I followed Kennedy's call to service and worked with the people of Emmons, trying to do my small part in building a stronger community.

Together, we built a baseball field and a community center. We brought the people much needed preventative health care. We rallied to bring a schoolbus to Emmons and helped to keep Emmons' kids in school.

From personal experience, I know that community service benefits participants as much as it benefits communities. My work with VISTA taught me a very important lesson: That I can make a difference.

Today, the people of America celebrate that same lesson: Each and every American can make a difference.

Let us all be careful not to forget that important lesson at the end of the National Day of Service. Let us re-

member and reaffirm that lesson every day of the year.

Why must we remember the lesson every day of the year? The reason is simple: Community service programs work.

Just look at the resounding success of AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps gives thousands of young Americans the tools to make a difference in their own lives and in the lives of others.

AmeriCorps participants perform vital services in America. Just over 6 months ago, 85 West Virginians were sworn into AmeriCorps. Today they are working with 20,000 people nationwide to keep schools safe, restore natural resources, tutor teenagers, and more—all in exchange for education.

Programs like AmeriCorps simultaneously open doors to higher education and help build stronger communities. They allow Americans to help each other, and build trust, understanding, and hope.

Mr. President, I am proud to stand in support of the National Day of Service. I salute everyone working in community service. I congratulate each of them for making a difference.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID MARTIN

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to David Martin, a distinguished public servant, an inquisitive adventurer, and a uniquely warm individual.

I came to know David when he served on the staff of my father, the late Senator Thomas J. DODD. To my siblings and me, however, David Martin was much more than an employee of one of our parents. He was more like a beloved uncle and insightful teacher wrapped into one.

I recall spending a number of delightful evenings at David's home with my family engaged in stimulating conversation. One could not come away from talking with David Martin without learning something new. He was a gripping conversationalist.

He was very unassuming and did not aggressively advertise his superior knowledge. You had to probe to find that rich vein, but once you succeeded, your reward was real and immediate.

David had such a dynamic and engaging intellect that he was a magnet for some of the 20th century's foremost authors and thinkers. He counted Ralph Ellison, George Orwell, Norman Mailer, William F. Buckley, Jr., and Edward Teller among his friends.

David's biography is so varied and fascinating that it reads more like that of a protagonist in a novel than a real-life individual. He was a veteran, a war correspondent, a noted author of political science, a human rights advocate and a legislative expert. He even coordinated Richard Byrd's last expedition to the South pole. David Martin was a true renaissance man.

His three books on Yugoslavia are still required reading for anyone who wants to understand that troubled part

of the world. He was a passionate advocate for refugees, and as executive director of the Refugee Defense Committee from 1946 to 1947, he was instrumental in ending the inhumane practice of forcible repatriation of war time refugees to the Communist eastern bloc.

David was legendary in the Senate for the breadth and depth of his expertise. During the 11 years he served on my father's staff, David was a key mover behind the eventual adoption of the limited test ban treaty. He also advised my father on a range of foreign policy hot spots, from Germany to Africa, from the Dominican Republic to Southeast Asia.

After working for my father, David went on to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he organized hearings on marijuana that are generally credited with alerting the public to the true danger of the drug.

David's first wife, Judy Asti, whom he married in 1947, died in 1971. He remarried in 1974 to Virginia Worek Levy. He is survived by Virginia, as well as his two children, Joe and Rebecca; his brother, Maurice Manson; and two stepsons, Ian and Raoul Levy.

Today we live in a better country and a better world thanks to David Martin. I think that is among the highest praise that can be given to an individual who has passed away, and in David Martin's case it is richly deserved.

ANNIVERSARY OF COL. CHARLES SHELTON CAPTURE IN LAOS

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, Saturday, April 29 marks the 30th anniversary of Col. Charles Shelton's capture in Southeast Asia.

Colonel Shelton grew up in my hometown, Owensboro, KY, where you could find him playing football for the high school team, courting his wife, and developing the values that would later serve him so well as he served his country.

Like so many other dedicated American soldiers, the day he left the United States to fly secret reconnaissance missions over Laos, he put his life on hold, whether that meant the dreams and ambitions of an individual life, or the simple pleasure of watching his five children grow into adults.

But, when he was shot down on April 29 and captured, the notion of putting a life on hold took on a new and horrible dimension for Colonel Shelton and his family. That's because for the next 29 years, Colonel Shelton remained an official prisoner of war—the final U.S. military personnel to be so listed by the American Government.

Because of numerous reports of sightings and escape attempts well into the 1980's, it wasn't until 1994 that his children requested the Pentagon to change his status to presumed killed in action.

While we can't begin to imagine what this wait was like for Colonel Shelton or his family, we can pay tribute to his service and to the ordeal he and his